



## Senate

General Assembly

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**File No. 168**

Senate Bill No. 127

*Senate, March 22, 2004*

The Committee on Government Administration and Elections reported through SEN. DEFRONZO of the 6th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

### **AN ACT CONCERNING THE EFFECT OF REDISTRICTING ON BALLOT ACCESS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 9-380 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2004*):

3 In the case of an office created after the last-preceding election, no  
4 name of any candidate for such office shall be printed on the official  
5 ballot except the name of a candidate nominated by a political party or  
6 organization whose candidate for Governor at the last-preceding  
7 election for governor received, under the designation of that political  
8 party or organization at least twenty per cent of the whole number of  
9 votes cast for all candidates for Governor, or at least one per cent of the  
10 whole number of votes cast for all candidates for Governor at such  
11 election within the geographical limits of the jurisdiction of such  
12 newly-created office, provided, upon the filing of a nominating

13 petition with the Secretary of the State as provided in sections 9-453a  
14 to 9-453p, inclusive, as amended, signed by a number of qualified  
15 electors equal to one per cent of the whole number of votes cast for all  
16 candidates for Governor at the last-preceding election within the  
17 geographical limits of the jurisdiction of such newly-created office, or  
18 whenever the geographical limits of the jurisdiction of a newly-created  
19 office differ from the geographical limits of a voting district or group  
20 of voting districts as the same were constituted at the time of the last-  
21 preceding election for Governor, signed by a number of qualified  
22 electors equal to one per cent of the number of electors who voted at  
23 the last regular election held in such municipality, or whenever the  
24 geographical limits of the jurisdiction of a newly-created office contain  
25 more than one town or parts of towns, signed by a number of qualified  
26 electors equal to one per cent of the number of electors who voted at  
27 the last regular election held in each town which is wholly or partially  
28 contained within the geographical limits of the jurisdiction of the  
29 newly-created office, such candidate with his party designation, if any,  
30 shall be printed on the official ballot. As used in this section, the terms  
31 "office created after the last-preceding election" and "newly-created  
32 office" do not include an office for which the geographical limits of the  
33 jurisdiction of the office have changed as result of redistricting.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	July 1, 2004

**GAE**      *Joint Favorable*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

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**OFA Fiscal Note****State Impact:**

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 05 \$	FY 06 \$
Secretary of the State	GF - None	None	None

Note: GF=General Fund

**Municipal Impact:** None

**Explanation**

This bill, which provides that a party that earns ballot access for an office does not lose such access due to redistricting, has no fiscal impact to the state.

**OLR Bill Analysis**

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**AN ACT CONCERNING THE EFFECT OF REDISTRICTING ON  
BALLOT ACCESS****SUMMARY:**

The law sets conditions for a candidate's name to appear on the ballot for an office created after the last-preceding election, requiring him to (1) be a candidate of a party whose candidate for governor at the last election received either 20% of all votes or 1% of the votes for all candidates within the geographical limits of the newly created office's jurisdiction or (2) meet specific petitioning requirements. The bill specifies that the terms "office created after the last-preceding election" and "newly created office" do not include an office for which the geographical limits have changed due to redistricting.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2004

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable Report

Yea 17      Nay 0